



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

DATE:

(Weeks of February 1 – February 13, 2017)

*This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks;
however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.*

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Jones issued a Mount Carroll man citations for failure to report deer harvest and failure to tag deer immediately upon kill. The same subject was issued written warnings for failure to sign his deer tag, falsification of harvest record, and unlawful transportation of untagged deer.

CPO Jones stopped a vehicle at Mississippi Palisades State Park for expired registration (expired since November). While speaking with the driver and the passengers the rear passenger let CPO Jones know he had open alcohol in the vehicle. The alcohol was poured out. The driver was cited for the registration violation, and the passenger was issued written warnings for the open alcohol and a seatbelt violation.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri and CPOT Poffenberger stopped a truck pulling a trailer loaded with scrap metal. The driver was in violation of operating a vehicle without insurance, no valid registration, no front plate, no plates on the trailer, and no functioning lights on the trailer. Citations were issued.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf issued a citation to a Stockton man for “unlawfully taking a deer without a valid archery deer hunting permit.”

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MERCER COUNTY

On 2-1-17, CPO Francisko appeared in Mercer County court for a scheduled bench trial. This stemmed from the first firearms deer season. The Mercer County man who was arrested for transportation of an uncased firearm in his vehicle opted to plead guilty to the charge before the trial started.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Teas spoke at a boater safety class at the Oregon Fire Department in Ogle County.

CPO Teas issued a citation to a hunter who failed to check a deer during the CWD firearm season. The hunter was also issued a warning for no habitat stamp.

CPO Teas received a call from CPO Beltran, who was off duty and observed two trucks parked along the railroad tracks outside of Leaf River. Suspecting they were possibly unlawfully hunting on railroad property, CPO Teas responded. Upon arrival, it was discovered the subjects were not hunting but were engaged in inappropriate behavior in the back seat of one of the trucks. The subjects were cited for trespass to railroad property and instructed to leave.

CPO Teas assisted the Ogle County Sheriff's Department with an accident where a deer was hit by a car. CPO Teas arrived first and, while speaking with the driver of the vehicle, noticed a very strong odor of cannabis in the car. Once the deputy arrived and the driver's dog was secured, the car was searched and over 100 grams of cannabis was located in the vehicle. The driver was arrested by Ogle County and transported to the Ogle County jail.

CPO Beltran and Intern Jacob Noble were on patrol in White Pines State Park when they observed a father and son from Polo enjoying some beer along the creek. As they approached, CPO Beltran noticed some furtive movements and stopped to inquire. After a brief introduction, CPO Beltran discovered a nice wooden homemade bowl used for smoking cannabis. CPO Beltran issued a civil citation and released the men after seizing the wooden craft.

ROCK ISLAND

No activity reported for this county

STEPHENSON

CPO Jones received a complaint about coyote hunters near Pear City. CPO Jones was able to locate one of the hunters in a field. CPO Jones conducted a compliance check and found the hunter to be in violation with a loaded rifle uncased in the front seat of his truck. The hunter was cited for the violation.

CPO Beltran and Intern Jacob Noble were dispatched to Pearl City for a coyote hunting complaint. After speaking with the home owner, it was discovered the coyote hunters were too close to his residence. He stated this has been an ongoing problem for 15 years and gave information about the violators. An investigation is pending.

WHITESIDE

CPO Teas responded to a complaint of hunters shooting geese after season was closed. CPO Palumbo also received a call of the hunters and responded while off duty. The hunters had killed four geese and thought the season was still open. The four geese were seized the hunters were each issued a citation and a warning for the offense.

District 6 - Sgt. Phil Wire **(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)**

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

BUREAU COUNTY

During routine patrol in Bureau County, CPO Wagner noticed a suspicious vehicle stopped in the roadway. After observing that the vehicle tags were expired, a routine stop was conducted. The driver was found to have no valid driver's license, and the driver had his vehicle tagged with a plate belonging to another individual. The driver was cited for no valid driver's license and improper display of license plates.

CPO Finn was called about a Bald Eagle which had been struck by a vehicle on Interstate 180. CPO Finn responded to find the Bald Eagle had died from the injuries it sustained from the vehicle. The Bald Eagle was recovered and secured until the US Fish and Wildlife Service can take custody of it.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry was driving in DeKalb County when he observed a possible suspended driver drive past him. CPO Murry recognized the individual as being suspended due to the fact he had arrested him previously for DUI and driving while license suspended. CPO Murry positively identified the individual as he exited a gas station and got into the driver's seat of the vehicle, and drove off. CPO Murry made a stop on the vehicle. The driver admitted to drinking that evening and had been to the gas station to purchase more alcohol. After putting him through field sobriety testing but not showing enough evidence for a DUI arrest, the driver was arrested for driving while license suspended. The report was filed with DeKalb County State's Attorney for further review and possibly upgrading the charges to felony.

LASALLE COUNTY

While on patrol in Starved Rock State Park, CPO Kaufman noticed 2 individuals walking into the woods with ice skates. They told CPO Kaufman they had seen some ice among the trees while driving into the park. They

thought it would be “cool to skate through the trees”. CPO Kaufman informed them they had to stay on the marked trails in the park. Also with the warm weather, they would have done more falling through the ice than skating.

CPO Filipiak was on patrol in the Bailey Falls area near Matthiessen State Park. Approximately 1500 Acres of land belongs to Buzzi Unicem Incorporated in the immediate area. Seven individuals were found after a lengthy foot patrol trespassing on Buzzi Unicem Property. Fourteen citations were issued for: trespassing, unlawful operation of an ATV on private property and unlawful operation of an ATV on the roadway.

CPOs Jansen and Wagner discovered 2 subjects in possession of Cannabis on the Matthiessen State Park trails. Two citations were issued.

While conducting department lands enforcement at Starved Rock State Park, CPO Wagner cited individual for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams.

While conducting department lands enforcement at Matthiessen State Park, CPO Wagner cited individual for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams.

While conducting department lands enforcement at Matthiessen State Park, CPO Wagner cited 2 individuals for entering a restricted area.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPOs Fraser, Alt, and Schoonhoven conducted several nighttime details in Rock Cut State Park which resulted in multiple arrests for entering the park after hours, possession of Cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal transportation of alcohol, possession of alcohol by a minor, and various park and IVC violations.

Officer Schoonhoven attended in-service training in Decatur, Illinois during this reporting period.

CPO Alt received a complaint of a citizen unlawfully ice fishing with (9) tip-up devices at Four Lakes Forest Preserve which exceeds the statewide (3) device limit and is also a site specific (2) Pole and Line only body of water violation for this particular lake. CPO Alt’s investigation validated this complaint and revealed the subject did not catch any fish. Violations addressed with this fisherman included unlawful fishing with too many devices and unsigned sport fishing license.

CPO Alt investigated a complaint from a landowner of a possibly poached 10 pt. Whitetail buck deer on his property. It was undetermined how this deer was killed due to most of the carcass being eaten away by coyotes up to the neck. CPO Alt issued the landowner a salvage tag for the carcass so he could retain the antlers.

While completing sport ice fishing compliance checks on Pierce Lake in Winnebago County, CPO Alt came upon a man fishing with a 2014 Illinois fishing license. An unlawful fishing without a license violation was addressed with this subject while he immediately purchased a 2017 license using his cellular phone.

While completing sport ice fishing enforcement compliance checks on Olson Lake in Winnebago County, CPO Alt came upon a 16-year-old youth fishing without a license. The youth and a 15-year-old friend were dropped off to fish at the lake by an older sibling and were unaware a license was needed. CPO Alt took the opportunity to educate the youth with a written warning and provide an Illinois Fishing Digest and contact information for future fishing rule reference.

CPO Alt received a call from a Winnebago County Landowner who located 50 + mature trees that had been marked with spray paint on his property by a local timber buyer. The landowner wished to prosecute the timber buyer for criminal trespass to land due to the property boundaries being well posted. CPO Alt made contact with the buyer who realized his mistake and halted the harvest operation which was initiated by a bordering landowner. This investigation was turned over to CPO Fraser and is ongoing.

CPO Alt attended a three day department in-service training with Office of Law Enforcement personnel in Decatur.

While working three after hours park enforcement details at Rock Cut State Park in Winnebago County, CPO Alt came upon five different individuals in three separate motor vehicles driving through the park after posted closed hours. The administrative rule violation was addressed with all five subjects who promptly left the park. Additional after hour park details are forthcoming.

District 7, Sgt. Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson and CPOT Knop were checking goose hunters in Fulton County. The CPOs conducted a check of a hunting area to search for potential violations. While conducting the search, the CPOs located evidence suggestive of unlawful use of electronic calling devices and unlawful use/possession of lead shot. Later, the CPOs observed a hunter utilizing the electronic calling device and performed a compliance check. In addition to the unlawful use of the electronic calling device, the CPOs located lead shot and found the subject's shotgun to be unplugged. Citations were issued.

CPO Thompson and CPOT Knop investigated a male subject in reference to deer permit violations. The male subject explained he could not remember any wrongdoing in his deer hunting activities the past fall. The CPOs aided the man with his memory, and he remembered not using the appropriate tag on his doe he took during firearm season. The man explained he did not want to use his buck tag on a doe. The CPOs issued a written warning for the violation.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

KNOX COUNTY

CPOs Lazzell and Gerard cited two Pekin, IL residents for unlawfully harvesting 6 bucks during the 2016 deer season. The father/son duo failed to report one deer. Another buck was falsely reported using a permit belonging to another person (non hunter). Several other bucks were also reported using deer permits belonging to other people. Several citations were issued and evidence seized.

CPO Gerard received a call of two swans shot and killed at Snake Den Hollow SFWA. CPO Gerard responded to the area and located a hunter in possession of two freshly killed trumpeter swans. The hunter was looking directly into the sun and believed the swans were Canada geese. Citations were issued for the unlawful take of two trumpeter swans.

MARSHALL

No activity reported for this county

McDONOUGH

CPO Reid cited a Louisiana subject for not having a valid non-resident hunting license.

PEORIA COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO VanZant cited a subject for illegal take of deer without a valid deer permit.

CPO VanZant cited three subjects for fishing without a license at Powerton Lake.

WARREN COUNTY

CPO Reid cited a New York resident for not having a valid non-resident hunting license.

WOODFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt.

(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

KANE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Kelley seized an abandoned tripod feeder in Green Oaks. The feeder still had corn inside and was accompanied by a trail camera, but it looks as if any hunting activity had stopped. CPO Kelley awaits hearing from the owner in order to address the situation.

CPO Semenik initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling through the Chain O' Lakes State Park. During the stop, multiple glass smoking pipes, a dab pen, dabs (marijuana concentrate), and cannabis were recovered from the vehicle. The driver was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of Cannabis less than 10 grams.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPOs Kelley, VanWiltburg and Tepovich located a Harvard man selling juvenile snapping turtles on Craigslist. The man appeared to be selling them because his kids had lost interest in them; focusing instead on their new hedgehog and puppy. The man was issued written warnings for the violations and informed of the proper permits he would need to sell herptiles.

CPO Semenik was traveling through Moraine Hills State Park when he observed two occupants sitting in a parked vehicle. When the subjects observed him they exited the vehicle and started to travel on the trail near the parking area. CPO Semenik parked his squad and traveled down the trail to speak with the subjects. During the consensual encounter, CPO Semenik returned to the vehicle with the two subjects where he recovered 2 glass smoking pipes, a pouch containing cannabis, 1 metal smoking pipe and hitter box with cannabis. Both subjects were cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of Cannabis less than 10 grams.

CPO Semenik initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle on Wilmot Road in Spring Grove. The vehicle's registration had been expired since April 2016. The driver's license was also suspended for DUI. The driver was arrested for driving while license suspended and operation of a motor vehicle with expired registration.

CPO Davis conducted an investigation of a retail fish market. The market was found in violation. Multiple wholesale dealers that supply the market were also found in violation. Written warnings were issued to the retail establishment with further investigation pending.

District 3 – Sgt.
(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Mieure and CPOT Poffenberger issued 3 citations to subjects unlawfully hunting geese over a baited field in Grundy County.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Anderson gave a presentation to high schools students in several classes at the Herscher High School.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland made a traffic stop for passing in a no passing zone, speeding (approx. 95mph). The subject was written for 75+ and given 2 citations and a warning.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid conducted an investigation in to the unlawful taking of a Whitetail deer. After interviewing the suspect, it was determined the deer was shot without a permit and was reported at a later date. The individual was cited for the violations.

CPO Reid responded to a trespass complaint of two individuals collecting deer antlers on private property without permission. The individuals were cited for the offense.

CPO Mieure and CPOT Poffenberger issued 2 citations to two individuals for failure to immediately release Slot walleye on the Kankakee River in Will County. In addition, 1 subject was issued a written warning for no fishing license.

District 4 – Sgt.
(Counties: Cook & DuPage, Lake)

COOK COUNTY

CPOs Gilmer, Farber, Vaughan, Semenik and Klemme worked several shifts at the Chicago Outdoor Sports Show in Rosemont. Information was distributed and questions were answered regarding hunting, boating and fishing.

CPO Mooi and Klemme assisted with a body recovery with the use of sonar on the Cal Sag.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Ausmus were on patrol conducting ice fishing enforcement at a Cook County Lake when they observed two chairs on the ice and two holes drilled. Additionally, two fishing poles were on the ice which had one line in the water. There was also a cooler on the lake. There were no persons on the entire frozen lake. The officers were able to locate a subject who was sitting in a car in the parking lot. The car was positioned so that none of the ice fishing gear could be seen from the car. The person in the car claimed

ownership of the fishing gear and informed the Officers he had caught one small bass earlier. The subject was informed about the tagging of unattended devices. A fishing license was requested from the subject which he did not have. A citation and written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Ausmus were on patrol at a frozen Cook County Lake and approached an ice fishing shelter. As the officers neared the ice fishing shelter, two subjects exited the shelter and walked towards the officers displaying their fishing licenses. As the officers neared the ice fishing shelter, a strong odor of burnt cannabis could be smelled. The officers asked the subjects about the smell of burnt cannabis at which time both subjects admitted to possessing cannabis and paraphernalia on their persons. All cannabis and paraphernalia were seized. Both subjects received citations for unlawful possession of cannabis and for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Ausmus were on patrol at Lake Michigan when they observed two subjects ice fishing. Once the two subjects noticed the officers, they both put down their fishing poles and walked to their car at a quick pace and entered the car. Once CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Ausmus got to their fishing locations, they observed multiple active lines in the water out of sight from where the subjects were sitting in the car. Contacts were made with the subjects at which time it was learned one of the subjects was fishing without a valid license. They were also fishing with too many lines and failed to tag unattended fishing devices. A citation and multiple written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Ausmus were patrolling the frozen waters of the Calumet River when they observed a subject catch a yellow perch. After the subject removed the yellow perch from his fishing line, the perch was placed on the ice at which time the subject cut most of the perch up and tossed the majority of the fish back into the water. The subject then kept just the tail portion of the fish. Contact with the subject was made, and he was informed about dressing fish where bag limits apply and also about tossing fish entrails back into the water. The subject did not possess a valid fishing license either. A citation and written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and the Forest Preserves of Cook County Police had been investigating hunters who were unlawfully hunting on forest preserve property in southern Cook County. Tree stands and a ground blind had been observed in a wooded area during the deer hunting season. After numerous checks of the area, two deer hunters were observed actively hunting from a pair of deer stands. Contact with the hunters were made. Further investigation revealed one of the hunters had unlawfully harvested a deer the previous day in that area. The deer was seized. Charges of unlawful taking of a deer and unlawful hunting without permission were filed against the two hunters.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Ausmus conducted a commercial inspection on a fish carrier in Cook County. The inspection revealed there was transportation of aquatic life violations which were enforced on scene. An applicable follow up investigation regarding the carrier revealed more violation regarding commercial aquatic life laws. The investigation is ongoing.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Ausmus were on patrol at IDNR property when they observed a vehicle unlawfully parked in a handicap parking space. As the officers approached the vehicle, they observed two persons engaged in unlawful sexual activity. There was also the smell of burnt cannabis emanating from the vehicle. Multiple citations were issued for the unlawful acts including prohibited nudity and drug paraphernalia. The paraphernalia was seized.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Ausmus were patrolling Lake Michigan when they observed a subject catching numerous yellow perch. CPO Whitchurch observed the subject reach into his bucket and removed four yellow perch and give the fish to an angler standing next to him. When CPO Whitchurch made contact with the subject and counted the yellow perch in his bucket, the subject possessed 13 yellow perch. His total was two over the daily limit. A citation was issued for an over limit of yellow perch.

DuPAGE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Gilmer performed a lot of traffic enforcement at Illinois Beach State Park after complaints of vehicles running stop signs at a four way stop causing several close call accidents. Several warnings and citations were issued.

While at Illinois Beach State Park, CPO Gilmer was flagged down by an elderly woman after dark complaining she wasn't able to see when the sun goes down. CPO Gilmer drove her to her residence in Beach Park and helped her again early the next morning in order for her to make it to church on time.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum made a traffic stop for speeding. A Hutsonville man was arrested on a failure to appear warrant out of Lawrence County and transported to the Clark County jail.

CPO Wellum made a traffic stop for speeding. The driver, a man out of Clay City, Indiana, was issued a citation for speeding 103 mph in a 55 mph zone.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Greuel is conducting a watercraft title investigation in Coles, Cumberland and Edgar Counties.

CPOs Moody and Barnes investigated a trapping without permission complaint in rural Coles County. After interviews, it was determined an Effingham man had shot a cat with his compound bow and used it for bait. The man had trapped a couple of opossums and had failed to check his trap for three days. None of the traps were tagged, and he had no trapping license. The man received citations and written warnings.

Sgt McReynolds, CPOs Dan Greuel and Jason Moody attended Tactical Police Performance Officer training at Mobile Training Unit # 13 in Mattoon

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Wellum responded to an injured deer call. Two dogs had chased a deer until it was stuck in a fence. CPO Wellum dispatched the deer.

CPO Greuel investigated the wanton waste of a Whitetail deer.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPOs Barnes and Moody cited 4 Tuscola area subjects for hunting from the roadway, plus uncased and loaded firearms in a vehicle. The subjects were found to be hunting coyotes from a truck using spotlights after being spotted by Douglas County Sheriff's Office Lt. Howard.

EDGAR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MOULTRIE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SHELBY COUNTY

A Mt. Zion man cited by CPO Greuel for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol on Lake Shelbyville received court supervision and was ordered to pay \$1,867 in fines and costs.

A Manito man cited by CPO Greuel for operation of watercraft while under the influence of alcohol on Lake Shelbyville pled guilty and was ordered to pay \$1,843 in fines and cost.

CPO Barnes cited an Effingham subject and a Newton subject for entering a restricted area at Eagle Creek State Park to shed hunt.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

DEWITT COUNTY

Sgt. Williamson found 2 Bloomington men fishing in the restricted area at Clinton Lake. After contacting them, it was found that they did not have fishing licenses. They each received a citation for not have a fishing license and a written warning each for fishing in a restricted area.

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

IROQUOIS

No activity reported for this county

LIVINGSTON

CPO Graden received a call from District 6 State Police about a possible snowmobile accident that occurred overnight. It was reported to CPO Graden that a man was taken to Streator hospital who stated he was in a snowmobile accident. CPO Graden and CPO Finn were able to make contact with the people that were riding with him and took him to the hospital. The accident occurred just into LaSalle County from Livingston County and the operator was found to be OUI.

MACON COUNTY

CPOT Thornley and CPO Wright were driving through Decatur and observed a traffic violation. Upon stopping the vehicle, it was found that the Decatur man was wanted on 3 failure to appear warrants.

CPOT Thornley and CPO Wright were checking fisherman at Lake Decatur Dam. CPOT asked a fisherman how his hunting season went. The subject stated he shot one doe. Upon returning to his vehicle, CPO Wright checked records of harvest and showed no deer reported. Upon further investigation, the subject admitted to taking his brother's deer and recording the harvest under his brother's name. The subject was issued citations for failure to immediately tag upon harvest and the unlawful use of another's permit.

CPO Wright and CPOT Thornley conducted a traffic stop in Decatur. Upon exiting the squad, the suspect car took off from the stop. The suspect car drove three blocks and turned down a dead-end road. The two suspects fled from the car on foot. After a short foot pursuit, CPO Wright and CPOT Thornley apprehended both suspects. The driver was cited for felony driving revoked, resisting a police officer and traffic citations. The passenger was arrested for resisting a police officer. Drugs were found in the vehicle. \$415 was seized from the driver, and \$735.25 was seized from the passenger. Both subjects had a history with Decatur and Macon County police for distribution/manufacturing of controlled substances.

K9 Hank and his handler, CPO Viverito, assisted 8 other K9 teams from municipalities, counties, and other state entities in the search of a federal prison for illegal narcotics. The search took approximately 2 hours and uncovered several items of interest.

McLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PIATT COUNTY

CPO Reeves received a call about people hunting the railroad tracks too close to Rt. 10 in Piatt County. CPO Reeves located two different hunting parties hunting the tracks. Upon stopping the groups and interviewing them, it was determined that neither group had permission to hunt the area. CPO Reeves cited two Champaign men for hunting without permission on railroad property.

VERMILION COUNTY

During this reporting period, CPO Cottrell cited a Georgetown resident for unlawful possession of whitetail deer. He also issued 2 written warnings for unlawfully hunting private property.

CPO Cottrell conducted a haz-mat investigation regarding a diesel fuel leak from a nearby farming operation in Northern Iroquois County. IEPA was notified and responded to the scene. They deployed containment devices and are leading the investigation. The landowner assumed responsibility for the situation and is assisting with clean-up efforts. There did not appear to be any threat to aquatic life or wildlife in the area.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

ADAMS COUNTY

CPOT Sanford and CPO Weishaupt located 5 individuals waterfowl hunting Diamond Island State Waterfowl Area in Calhoun County. After several hours of surveillance, the individuals were found to be using an electronic goose call to hunt White-fronted Geese and Canada Geese. After conducting hunter compliance checks on all 5 individuals, the individuals were found to have harvested over the limit of White-fronted Geese. The individuals were also found to be in violation of numerous other wildlife laws. Each individual was issued 5 citations for the violations.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CALHOUN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HANCOCK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JERSEY COUNTY

CPOT Sanford and CPO Weishaupt responded to a roll over vehicle accident at Pere Marquette State Park. The passenger in the vehicle was wanted for failure to appear on a DUI arrest.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a hunter safety course in Carlinville.

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MASON COUNTY

CPOs Elliott and Bettis conducted timber enforcement on a logging truck hauling logs. The driver had no paperwork for the transportation of the logs. One citation for failure to show proof of ownership was issued along with a timber inspection form completed.

CPOs Elliott and Bettis worked a group of coyote hunters. Upon stopping and checking on the subject's vehicle, they located two loaded uncased guns. One citation and two written warnings were issued for wildlife violations.

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SANGAMON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

BOND COUNTY

CPO Tapley and CPOT Ausmus conducted a deer investigation. The case is still pending.

CPO Tapley received a phone call about subjects shooting at snow geese from the roadway. CPO Tapley stopped a truck in the area where the call originated, and found the driver had a loaded shotgun in the back seat. A citation was issued.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley and CPOT Ausmus issued a citation to a subject after he was found to have a homemade "antler catcher" and bait set. The antler catcher was seized, and a trail camera was returned to the subject

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier finished a timber investigation, and 3 charges were issued for various timber law violations.

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Matt Lentz cited a Grafton male for illegal possession of 9 Crappie less than 10 inches at Coffeen Lake.

CPO Matt Lentz conducted inventory at the World Shooting Complex in Sparta.

MONTGOMERY

No activity reported for this county

RANDOLPH COUNTY

On 1/29/17, CPO Charles investigated a complaint of unlawful hunting in Randolph County. CPO Charles determined that a hunter had unlawfully received a whitetail buck from another hunter, but that hunter never tagged the deer. The hunter that received the deer bought a deer tag, tagged the deer and checked it in. The hunter that harvested the deer confirmed the information. Both hunters were cited for their unlawful activities.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Schachner was utilizing a kayak to covertly patrol a marshy area thick with buckbrush near the Kaskaskia River when he witnessed a waterfowl poacher kill two Canada Geese and then shoot two additional birds about an hour later. The poacher was cited for the over limit of geese and also for transporting an uncased and loaded shotgun in his motorboat. The geese and shotgun were seized. The violator also received numerous warnings for boat safety equipment violations.

CPO Schachner handled a complaint involving a homeowner who was irate at goose hunters who had unintentionally "rained" shot on his house and possibly caused minor holes in several window screens. In addition, there were safety concerns related to workers putting up a fence on the property at the time of the incident. CPO Schachner inspected the screens and premises and spoke with the homeowner (who stated he yelled at the hunters when it occurred). However, prior to CPO Schachner determining the hunters identities and contacting them, the hunters voluntarily visited the homeowner to apologize and offered a generous amount of money to cover any possible damage. The hunters also moved their goose blind about 80 yards and faced it in a completely different direction to prevent any future problems. Thanks to the hunters responding quickly and handling it in a polite and responsible manner, the issue was quickly resolved.

CPO Schachner was foot-patrolling canals and marshy areas in the metro-east for trapping activity when he observed an unknown trapper pulling traps at a beaver lodge. Due to difficulty accessing the location, CPO Schachner was unable to check the trapper before he departed via ATV. A short time later, an observant Sgt Manker was driving through the same area and spotted (from the highway) two body grip traps possibly placed in an illegal manner at a beaver dam. CPO Schachner met him at the location and determined the traps were indeed placed in an illegal manner, and one trap was also illegal simply by the fact it was oversized (larger than the largest legal body grip size). The trapper was not the same trapper that CPO Schachner

observed nearby earlier but turned out to be a non-resident who happened to be trapping the same area. The non-resident trapper was cited for use of an oversized body grip trap and received warnings for no habitat stamp and unlawfully damaging a beaver dam while trapping.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

While investigating a possible deer poaching complaint in rural Franklin County, CPOT Stanbary and CPO Folden made a traffic stop on a vehicle for violations. The vehicle's rear registration was expired since 2013 and was not assigned to the vehicle stopped. The officers conducted a consent search on the vehicle. CPOT Stanbary located a container holding a white powdery substance, later field tested to be methamphetamines. The driver was placed in custody for possession of methamphetamines. During a more thorough search prior to transport to jail CPOT Stanbary located more meth in the driver's cowboy boots and in his wallet. The driver remains in jail on felony charges for unlawful possession of methamphetamines. He was also cited for only one headlight, improper display of registration, expired registration, and no insurance. An additional vehicle investigation continues with the assistance of the Illinois Secretary of State Police.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPOT Stanbary and CPO Folden completed an additional Open Source Investigation and two administrative investigations. The results of these investigations were one citation for failure to report harvest by 10PM, one written warning for hunting without a habitat stamp, and one written warning for unlawful use of an archery tag during firearm deer season.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JEFFERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SALINE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WHITE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

CLAY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CRAWFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith and CPOT Roper were on patrol at Wildcat Hollow in Effingham County when they discovered two rabbit hunters exiting Wildcat Hollow. After performing a hunter compliance check on the individuals, it was discovered one of the firearms was capable of holding more than three shotgun shells. One citation for unlawful use of an unplugged shotgun was issued.

FAYETTE COUNTY

While on patrol near North Fork Branch Kaskaskia River in Fayette County, CPOT Roper and CPO Smith observed an individual fishing in a kayak. Upon checking the fisherman, it was discovered he was in possession of a short Crappie. The minimum size limit for Crappie in the body of water is 10 inches. The fisherman was issued a citation for failure to release short sportfish.

CPO Robert Compton responded to multiple complaints of subjects hunting snow geese unlawfully from the roadway.

CPO Robert Compton responded to multiple complaints of subjects trespassing while coyote hunting in Fayette and Marion Counties.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Smith and CPOT Roper were on patrol at Newton Lake in Jasper County. A boat compliance check was initiated on a boat, and it was discovered the operator of the boat had no lifejacket in the boat. One citation was issued for failure to possess required lifejacket on a watercraft.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MARION COUNTY

CPO Smith and CPOT Roper received a timber theft complaint in Marion County. A preliminary investigation has been started.

CPO Smith and CPOT Roper received a call in Marion County about an injured deer that was stuck in a cattle fence. It was determined that the deer had to be put down.

CPO Smith and CPOT Roper were on routine patrol when an emergency broadcast came across Illinois State Police dispatch radio concerning an alleged violent domestic battery in progress on interstate 57 in Marion County. CPO Smith and CPOT Roper were in the area of the vehicle. CPO Smith and CPOT Roper located the male subject standing on the side of an interstate 57 exit. The subject was apprehended, and custody was transferred to Illinois State Police.

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Smith and CPOT Roper received information about an unlawfully taken whitetail deer. CPO Smith and CPOT Roper discovered the individual involved was a non-resident hunter from Georgia. CPOT Roper contacted the individual via telephone. The subject admitted to CPOT Roper he had failed to tag the deer immediately upon kill. One citation was issued for failure to tag whitetail deer immediately upon kill.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WAYNE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 16 – Sgt. K. Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Vasicek reports the court disposition for a Florida subject who was arrested on multiple wildlife violations. The subject unlawfully killed a Whitetail buck on a property where he did not have consent to hunt. The subject failed to tag the deer after locating it and, after being confronted by the landowner, he exited the area. That night he returned to the property and removed the bucks head and hid it in the woods, still failing to tag the deer or recover/use the meat. After interviewing the subject, CPO Vasicek was able to recover the deer head and issued multiple citations including wanton waste, hunting without permission, and failure to tag. The subject appeared in court and was fined a total of \$1,740 with hunting privilege revocations pending.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman gave a presentation on conservation laws at a hunter safety class in Jackson county.

CPO Mohrman was provided with a license plate number of a pick-up truck which was observed mudding at the Kinkaid Spillway. The driver of the vehicle gave a full admission to CPO Mohrman about his wrongdoing along with three of his friends who also participated in damaging the park grounds. All four will be charged with a park violation and have community service hours to fix the damage they caused.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Somers is conducting an investigation of two Louisiana men for falsification of residency to hunt and of an Alabama man for unlawful take of a 9 point buck. Charges are pending in the cases.

PERRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek reports the court disposition for 2 nonresident subjects who were arrested in Union County in November on multiple wildlife violations. These violations included no valid archery deer permits, no licenses, using high powered rifles during archery season, and using shotgun loaded with buckshot to hunt deer during

archery season. The two subjects pled guilty to five of the misdemeanor violations between the two subjects with fines totaling \$3,928 including \$265 to the Conservation Police operations fund.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPOT Stanbary and CPO Folden interviewed a subject of an Open Source Task Force investigation who had reported the harvest of a buck in Lawrence County and a doe in Williamson County. The harvests were reported on a Sunday. During the interview it was discovered that neither deer was taken on Sunday, and the buck reported as a Lawrence County harvest was taken in Williamson County. The subject possessed just an antlerless only permit when he harvested his 10 point buck on Friday evening. He purchased a Lawrence County muzzleloader on Saturday because this combination was the only either sex option left. He then reported harvest of the buck and doe on Sunday. This subject was cited for unlawful take of an antlered deer without a valid permit, unlawful take of a deer in a county for which the permit was not valid, and failure to report harvest by 10PM as required. Written warnings for this deer also include unlawful possession of illegally taken deer, and deer permit violations. The doe was taken on Saturday and not reported until Sunday. One citation for failure to report harvest was issued. It was also determined both of these deer were taken with a shotgun even though one of the permits was a muzzleloader permit. No enforcement action was taken on this violation. The 10 point buck rack was seized.

CPO Vasicek and CPO Somers attended a boat show at the Williamson County Pavilion in Marion. The officers answered questions from the public concerning boating and sport fishing regulations.

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